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****UPDATED SCHEDULE DUE TO TROPICAL STORM LEE****
**GOHSEP TO HOST PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICANT BRIEFINGS
FOR MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION FOR SPRING FLOOD EVENT**

Baton Rouge, LA (September 2, 2011) – On August 18, 2011, a major disaster declaration was declared as a result of the Mississippi River flooding during the period of April 25 to July 7, 2011. This declaration will allow for federal funding under the Public Assistance Program for Categories "A & B" (Debris removal and emergency response activities) as well as Categories "C-G" (Permanent work/recovery of affected infrastructure eligible).

Federal funding is available to *state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations* on a cost-sharing basis in the parishes of Assumption, Avoyelles, Concordia, East Carroll, Lafourche, Madison, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. James, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Tensas, Terrebonne, and West Feliciana.

GOHSEP will host applicant briefings in the month of September for FEMA-DR-4015. If your organization sustained damage(s) and/or cost(s) associated to the Mississippi River Flooding event, you are encouraged to have a representative attend an applicant briefing. The briefing will provide essential information to your organization on the FEMA Public Assistance Program, especially information on the eligibility requirements, required documentation and rules and procedures for necessary for expense reimbursement of eligible expenses.

Here are the locations where GOHSEP will host applicant briefings:

September 6, 2011 – POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Location: Louisiana Troop "C"
Address: 4047 West Park Avenue, Gray, LA
Time: 10:00 a.m.

September 7, 2011- POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Location: Delta Grand Theatre
Address: 120 South Market Street, Opelousas, LA
Time: 9:00 a.m.

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September 9, 2011

Location: Concordia Parish Firing Range and Training Center
Address: 120 Training Center Road, Ferriday, LA
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Any existing and/or new applicant within these parishes that intend to seek reimbursement will need to submit a new Request for Public Assistance (RPA). To submit a RPA log onto www.LouisianaPA.com and from the home page click the link "Submit New RPA (DR4015-Mississippi River Flooding).

The RPA deadline for this declared disaster is September 17, 2011.

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